

Fri, July 23

Dear Jim & Vickie,

It sounds as though you are really experiencing hot weather. Does it cool down much at night? We finally have begun to have nice weather here. In fact it's been in the high 80's, although today it has cooled off. I have a little tan now, so I hope I don't lose it all before the sun comes back out.

It is sure going to be fun to see you in August. We will be in our new apartment by the 1<sup>st</sup>. We finally had to give up

on the old one and move out. We got our money back, but Mike is still so mad at them he wants to sue. The carpets still had a chemical odor to them after almost a month! We love our new place, though, which is the only nice thing about ~~the whole~~<sup>the whole</sup> ~~it~~ thing. It is more like a house (it is the upper level of a remodeled home) and has a washer and dryer in it.

It sounds like your trip to Philadelphia was fun, Jimmy. It is so old, and so much has happened there.

Vickie must be a good

tennis player now. Mike and I played a little last year, but he also notices that I get tired and want to quit after about the first game. We have several tennis rackets here so maybe we can play when you visit us.

Mom is down watching the 3:00 news program, General Hospital. She has been working all day getting ready for her party tomorrow night for Marty and her new husband.

We played duplicate bridge over at Jeannie & Art's last week end. They play with a group every month, and have their own

Duplicate boards. Sandi and Dick played that night, too, and we had a good time. They are all Republicans, and got into some good discussions with Mike, although they dislike Durkan.

Mike and I went over to Diana and her husband, Rod's, apartment last night. Diana is still teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, but is tired and wants to quit, but Rod won't let her. We decided to get all of my old girl friends together for lunch sometime this summer. They all have so many kids by now, though. Judy had twins a few months ago, and so

that makes 5 boys for  
her now.

I am reading the Three  
Musketeers now, it takes  
place during the reign of  
Louis XIII and Cardinal  
Richelieu. It is real good,  
but I'm not sure if it  
is actually very historical.

I guess I better iron  
some shirts for Mike, now.

Love, Mary